

To whom it may concern,

I wanted let my opinion be known on this subject. I'm tired of the government wasting our taxpayer money to support cruelty and bad science. The tests that are currently required by the government aren't even scientifically valid to humans and sometimes the predictions that are made are fatal to humans. Non animal tests exist that are far more reliable and relevant to humans and are available and should be used.

NIEHS should adopt the new non-animal test methods IMMEDIATELY. Government agencies should use in vitro cell culture tests to COMPLETELY REPLACE the use of animals in lethal dose tests. At a minimum, ALL government agencies that currently require the acute animal-poisoning studies should IMMEDIATELY incorporate the in vitro cell culture method as a transitional means of reducing the number of animals killed and should fully support the use of this method as an eventual REPLACEMENT for lethal-dose poisoning studies. In particular, the EPA must immediately incorporate the non-animal cell culture method into its HPV chemical program, as promised in its October 1999 agreement with the animal protection community.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely
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